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1/2/70

Dear Eric:

Nice seeing you, though the visit was too brief. Here's the note you made, and left. Hope you had a nice trip back. Do you expect to make the ANS meeting? I ran across a signature on Cont. Curr., Balt. issue that I can't make out as being one on the list. I'll try to duplicate it below, and see if you know what it is. The number is 71???, and the other sig. is S.S. Coale. What ever happened to all those Mass. notes?? Just heard that Tom Warfield died on the 26th. His wife's name is Frances, and the home address is 230 Stoney Run Lane, Balto, 21210, just in the event you may want it.

Kindest regards, and all the best for the new year,

Sincerely,

Dick

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January 8, 1970

Mr. Daniel M. Friedenberg
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Dear Mr. Friedenberg:

In reply to your letter of January 5, we have no information that either Israel Whelan or Jacob Abrams were Jewish. There was a Benjamin Jacobs who filed bills of credit for the Continental Army during the Revolution, who was Jewish, but this is a very common name, and whether this is the same person, I do not know.

You might check Volume 18, Page 110 of our Quarterly, or Pool's Portraits Etched in Stone for further verification.

Sincerely yours,

Nathan M. Kaganoff
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Jan. 12, 1970

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Dear Mr. Picker:

I have received the enclosed letter from the American Jewish Historical Society, which I think covers your questions. The fact that a man is not listed in the records as being Jewish is of itself inconclusive. As today, there were many individuals who did not relate or affiliate with Jewish activities or synagogue activities, and the only way you know from those times who was Jewish is through these records. I tend to feel that Israel Whelan was not Jewish and Jacob Abrams was Jewish.

I hope I have helped you with this information and remain

Very truly yours,

Daniel M. Friedenberg

DMF:RF
Encl.

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XXXXXXXXXX 1/14/70

Dear Eric:

Haven't heard anything from you since you were here. Enclosed are some letters that might interest you. Please return them for my files. I had the wild idea that since in many cases Levy signed with Whalen, they might have been friends and made their signing trips together. What ever happened to those Mass. notes? Back to the signers, it looks like more investigation is necessary in order to confirm that Jacob Abrams was Jewish. I'll try the NY Public Library. I understand that they have an excellent Jewish Division. If you have any sources, why don't you try them. I wasn't able to make the ANS meeting, so don't know whether or not you did. Did you ever find the info you wanted on the Cont. Dollar 1-B, or should I get it out of the vault and check it fo you. Nothing else new, just busy.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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2/3/70

Dear Eric:

Haven't heard anything from you in quite a while. I've written you a few letters, and though I recall asking some questions, by this time I've forgotten what they were. I really would like those Massachusetts notes. I sent them to you on 11/14, and some time ago, you indicated that you had already sorted them out. Also, please dont forget to make reservations for us at the convention hotel. We'd like to be assurxed of getting a nice room, and since you own St. Louis, you can probably see that it's done. We'll probably arrive on Monday the 17th, and leave on Sunday the 23rd. On that NC 4/23/61 note (20 Sh) that I mentioned didn't match the illustrated one, I guess it must be slippage, but, a good deal of it. The 'o' of 'of Assembly' is opposite the top part of the lower asterisk of the pair, and the date 1761 is between the pairs of **s, favoring the lower pair. The space between 'TWENTY SHILLINGS' and the next line is much less than on the one illustrated, the measurement between the bottom of T of TWENTY and the top of t in Proclamation being 7/64ths and in the book it's 11/64ths. If you think that you should see it, let me know, and I'll send it on. But, in any event, let's hear from you.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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February 18,1970

Mr. Richard Picker
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Dear Dick:

Excuses are no good, but I have had the flu, my sister's husband died last week, income taxes, 1804 Dollar writing, business problems galore, ANA convention tasks (not your hotel room), and so what's new.

I feel we can divide up the 1778 Mass. pieces so each is free to act on his own. You didn't care about the bill numbers so I took the #5751 and some others so that we each can have 17 pieces. They are all uncirculated and of equal value except the 2d #5752 and 4s 6d #5752 have a center ink line. I took one and I'm sending you one.

The following are enclosed:

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| 2d - #5752 | 12d - #5752 |
| 3d - #5752, #5759 | 1/6 - #5760, #5755 |
| 4d - #5760, #5761 | 2 - #5759 |
| 6d - #5753 | 3 - #5761 |
| 8d - #5756 | 4 - #5760, #5752 |
| 9d - #5760, #5759 | 4/6 - #5747 |

The division was, fortunately, easy to make and I believe it is very fair. All envelopes and Budde records are enclosed. May you prosper well from this windfall.

You may make a denomination exchange with any of the 5 retained odd pieces if you have a customer for a specific denomination you don't have and they are still on hand here. Naturally those retained here are not intended to be offered for sale so whatever you ask will have no competition from here.

I feel bad that poor Tom, who was so proud of handling this sale with Doug, is no longer with us.

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Mr. Richard Picker

February 18, 1970

Thanks for the Dr. Carter want list. He is a good friend of mine and not only a good doctor but a good banker. He lives in the wildcat country of Missouri so I don't see him.

I have undertaken to catalogue my library and it is a pleasure to see how much sincere and devoted numismatists have contributed to the science in the past. I wish I could have read more broadly than I have as one can never catch up because there is so much.

The newspaper had a quip your wife might like: A lady, being frightened by the cancer scare caused by the research on the dangers of cyclomates, gathered up all of her diet soda and rushed to the store to exchange it for cigarettes.

Happy Valentine,

Eric

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2/25/70

Dear Eric:

The notes arrived safely, thanks. I was in LA at the convention, and am now swamped with work. I'll get to checking out the notes in a few days, and if I have any questions, I'll write you again. Meanwhile, on NC Dec 1771, very often we find the stamp of I. ASHE. In other instances, the signature of J. MONTFORT. Though they may exist, I haven't seen any notes from that issue that I can recall, that do not have one or the other. We discussed this some time ago, and at that time we only mentioned that Ashe was found so frequently, but not always, and you felt that he was some sort of issueing authority as registrar or comptroller. Since that time I've been seeing the Montfort signature on all notes that lacked Ashe, but, since these notes are usually seen with so many endorsements, it was overlooked. Now the question is just who were these men, and was there some provision in this particular act that required a countersigner? Ashe is a regular signer on the Newbern issue, but I don't see Montfort ~~ex~~ as a signer on any issue. This should add to your many other chores. I spoke to Herb Bergen and Abe Kosoff out there, and it seems that the ANAT will be under the ANA. It's just a question of working out the mechanics. I'm anxious for your reply on the NC question.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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3/12/70

Dear Eric:

Finally got to go thru the notes that you returned. I note that several of them are not from the original group, but, it doesn't matter much, they're a nice set. I was going to attend a sale that had the NH 6/20/75 40Sh. note, but, since that was the only item that interested me, and they already had a $300. book bid, I skipped it. If you have any Continentals signed by George Gray or Thomas Leiper, please send them on for possible trade. Nothing much new here. Just working, and I'm getting pretty tired of it. Maybe I could talk you into selling your collection thru me, and you can retire on the proceeds, and I can retire on the commission. With that fond thought in mind, I'll call it an evening, and go to bed, and keep on dreaming.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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3/16/70

Dear Eric:

Just a quick note to let you know that I just acquired for my collection, a Pa, 4/10/77, 20 Sh. note signed by Jacobs. The co-signer is Wm Evans. It's the black border, # 24811. Now that I know that he actually signed, I must look for all of the other denominations, and also determine whether or not he also signed the 'red' issue. Do you have any red or black, and if so, please let me have the denomination, # and co-signer.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

P.S. If you have any other notes on it, please let me know what they are.

16 sh #24625 Black
Evans Jacobs.

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3/19/70

Dear Eric:

[redacted] I'd appreciate it very much if you'd go over it, and let me know if you think that I should make any changes in it. Please return it with your remarks. Nothing much else new. Rook had another sale last week, but I never saw a catalogue, and haven't heard from anyone who attended, if anyone did, so I have nothing at all to report on it.xxxxxxx Don't forget my room. I'm not sending in a reservation. We'll be there on Monday the 17th. Are you planning an exhibit? If so, what, or is it a secret?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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3/27/70

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the info on the Jacobs note, which only just arrived this AM, because of the mail strike. Do you know whether or not he also signed the red issue? What would it take to trade for your piece outside of another Pa Jacobs? Someone just sent this to me. I told him that it was in the class of 'fiscal papers' rather than money. Is that correct? What other comments do you have to make on it? If the plane strike or slowdown doesn't change our plans, we hope to take a short vacation from the 30th to the 3rd. Hope you're all well.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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4/7/70

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for both letters. I'll change the photo-copy as you suggested and will use it. I sent the diagram for the holders to my manufacturer, and should have his estimate shortly. I doubt that he has the various letter sizes that you specified, but I asked him to return the extra copy with the sizes that he has and recommends for each line. We made them in clear plastic last year, but I think that milk white might be better, since both clear and black will show fingermarks when handled, but they do not show up on white. Of course the finger marks wipe off easily, with a damp cloth, but it's nicer if they're not seen at all. I'd also suggest a scored border, which I believe we had last year. The best way to handle this is to get the actual medals to be given, as even these precisely struck pieces can vary by about 1/1000th of an inch, and we work to that tolerance. Last year we worked from a sample, and were lucky. Remember that these take about two weeks or so after the actual order is placed, and if we wait until the last minute, he may be on vacation. If we can't get the actual medals early, how soon can we get a sample medal? Our vacation was short, but nice, and I still couldn't shake off a cold. Nothing new except a shoe-box full of mail to answer.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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4/7/70

Dear Eric:

This is a P.S. here's another that appears to be a ctf, but only with some of the features of one you list, and some that I had on the last one that appeared to be new. The wide M that is noted appears to be normal, but the space between E and C and the narrow O in SECULORUM do not. Please return with your opinion as soon as possible. This is only borrowed.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

I think it fills description of my second listing. I will add the space What better EC in seal

Also Segs look bad

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April 21, 1970

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Dear Dick:

I am returning the $80 1779 note. I don't understand your comment, as it conforms exactly to the definition of the second one in the book. I am going to add the extra spacing in SECULORUM as that would be very helpful. I compared your note with my pieces and it is the same. The piece is returned herewith.

I had a marvelous trip to the Galapagos Islands and although the food kept my insides with volcanic activity, the volcanic activity on the islands was much more interesting.

I hope you are well by now.

Sincerely yours,

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4/24/70

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your letter and for the return of the note. I'm glad that you had such a nice trip. Don't see how you had that much time to observe the volcanic activity of the islands when you had so much of your own, which must have kept you somewhat confined. In reading the copy of the letter to Medallic Arts, I just see that they'll be sending the medals to you. Have you any idea when? Have you given any thought to 'milk white' as against clear? As yet I do not have the estimate on the cost. Will forward that as soon as it arrives, but it'll probably be about the same as last year, around $36. I think, for the three. Nothing else new.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

P.S. Just noticed on SC 1767, there is a hand written letter 'a' after 'THIS', directly below it in the signature area, to the right of that one in the seal over the left side of the house, and above that in the text between 'RECEIVED' and 'AND'. My note has these letters in the exact same places. Probably an anti-counterfeiting device (?).

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5/8/70

Dear Eric:

In spite of a tremendous amount of work, I hasten to answer your carbon copies. Perhaps I was not clear on the price of the holders. The price of $40. was for all three, not each! Also, we have no way of communicating with Medallic Art Co. Either you, or someone in the ANA would have to supply the medal to me, or else give us the authority to work from the medal supplied last year. We have that exact size on file. I tried calling you on this, but found that you were out of town.

The N.J. Ctf was a surprise, and not too welcome at that. Though I do not have any $5.s in stock, I have a few $1.s and $2.s. There seems to be very little to go on in describing this ctf, but I notice two things immediately, the upright and slanting 'I' of INTEREST in the box, and the width of the 'D' in first DOLLARS, the genuine being about 10½/64ths and the ctf about 8½/64ths. The 'FIVE DOLLARS' measured from the upright of F to the outside lower curve of S measures 1 17/64ths on the Gen and 1 9/64ths on the Ctf. Of course, more accurate measurements can be made from the notes, since the copies are somewhat reduced. In writing up these descriptions, I think that we need definitive notes, so that it isn't necessary to have a gen & ctf for comparison. I'm enclosing a $1. & $2. for checking. If they made 5s, the may have made others.

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Sincerely,

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5/27/70

Dear Eric:

After I received your letter, and the copy of the one to Wm Louth, I called him. He was under the impression that he was to supply the regular ANA convention medal, without the loop, for the speakers awards. I told him that I was under the impression that it would be something different, and possibly with their names engraved. He said that he'd write you at once about it, and I tried to call you (leaving my usual collect message). You evidently didn't get my message, and then I got very busy with my backlogged mail after the NY show, and had to go to Cleveland for the Central States show on the 21st. I'm about back to normal routine. Mr Louth assured me that I'd be able to have the actual medals by the end of June, but, if they are to be special medals, there may be some delay. I'd like to get them as soon as possible, so that I can be certain that we have the holders on time. My manufacturer has made no vacation plans because his father is very ill, in Florida, and he doesn't know when he may be called down there, and how long he may have to stay. Please try to get this squared away as soon as possible. Did you return my 2 NJ notes? As yet they haven't arrived. If you still have them, please be sure to 'certify them when you mail them. Can you tell me the whereabouts of the two known CURRENCEY pewter dollars? Have any others ever turned up? Do they have the normal 'twin leaves' edge? I just acquired the 20 Sh, NY 6/22/75 note. I can't think of anything else new, though when I called you I felt that I had a number of things to discuss. What have you heard that's new?

ALSO ANY NEW INFO ON N.S.D. - WHERE - ETC.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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6/5/70

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the letter. Just called Louth. He's out of town till Monday, but I gave his sec. the message, and I should get the 4 medals later this month. As soon as I do, I'll send them to be mounted, and will have them shipped directly to you. There shouldn't be any hitch. On the NJ notes, though I'd like to swap them for other denominations, it wouldn't be that important for me to sacrifice condition. So, if I can't get at least comparable quality, please don't go thru with the trade. No, I wasn't in on the Round Table devilment, and don't know who perpertrated it. I read it quickly when I got the issue, and one of these days plan to re-read it more carefully. I just called Dr. Freeman, and she told me that she recalls having made the edge comparisons between the Continental Dollars and the silver Nova patterns for you quite some time ago. Anyway, she's going to do it again, and will let me know if they have a 4-D. I didn't know that you had one, but thought that Mrs. Norweb did. Perhaps she has the 5-D that you can't mention. I would like to know the weight of your piece, as well as a double check to know that the edge actually does have the design. I have a line on a 4-D that I can't discuss at present, but, it has a plain edge. I believe that it weighs somewhere about 270 grains, but will get a more accurate

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weight on it shortly. I've seen a photo of it, and from that, it looks good. I will try to get a print, and mail it to you. I hope to have it by the time I have your reply to this. Meanwhile, I seem to recall that one of the regular Continental dollars came up in a sale not too long ago, that had a plain edge. I just can't remember when, or what sale, and I don't remember whether or not it was thoroughly checked and authenticated. I do recall seeing that same piece several years ago, and at that time I was a little hesitant about it because of its dark color and plain edge. Tracking that piece down, and authenticating it might be of some value or help in determining the genuineness of the new 4-D. I'll appreciate whatever info you can supply. Back to the ANA medals, I ~~recall~~ have the names of Bressett and Dodson just the way you want them but don't recall who the other speakers are, or how you want their names to be spelled. This info may already be in the hands of my manufacturer, but, just to be on the safe side, please let me have them again. Do you need the Albany note? If so, I'll keep it aside as something to use in trade with you. I'm hoping to get a few things together to trade you for some of your better colonial coin duplicates if we can spend some time together at ANA. How does this strike you? I'll be anxiously awaiting your info on the 4-D.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely, Dick

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6/24/70

Dear Eric:

The enclosed letter should be self-explanatory, but, if it isn't I should explain that when I found that the coin was to be sold at auction, I didn't feel that I should reveal any of the info that you gave me over the phone. Though I'm not certain, I think that I may have let slip, inadvertantly, that your piece has a plain edge. However, I did not mention the weight or SpG, or other info that you mentioned. If Charles decides to write to you, you may be guided by the above. The coin was first mentioned to me by them, and I was told that Seaby's had it, but was also told that there was a possibility of a private sale. Now, it seems that this is not possible. Anyway, you take it from here. Meanwhile, I hope that I haven't embarrassed you. I'll be looking forward to a letter from you one of these days, answering the other questions that I asked about other things, which by this time I've forgotten (the questions), but, I'm sure that your answers will refresh my memory. Oh yes, an important ~~qxxx~~ question is on the N.J. 11-G. Do you have any record of anyone owning one? Can you recall who mentioned to you that they had one? In about a week or so, I think I'll be at liberty to tell you the reason for asking.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

P.S. Please return those Nobly [illegible] samples

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7/11/70

Dear Eric:

Tried calling you about a week ago, and found that you were on vacation for July. We're off for 2-3 weeks beginning tomorrow. My manufacturer has instructions to ship the four medals, already mounted directly to you when they are completed. Meanwhile, I'd appreciate it very much if you would return the sample holders that I sent to you some time ago. I now have some coins to put into them. If you have a chance, you might call Ed Rochette, and discuss a situation that I spoke to him about (that should be: about which I spoke to him).

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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7/29/70

Dear Eric:

The holders were shipped on the 21st. You should have them awaiting your return. If they're not entirely satisfactory, please let me know at once. Meanwhile, I've been trying to reach you, but find that you really do take long vacations. Please try to call me as soon as you have a few minutes. Disregard my remark about calling Ed Rochette (my last letter), and I'll tell you what's up. Also, I need whatever info you can give me on Fugio N. 1-CC. The one in your plate seems to have two edge cuts at about 3 and 6 o'clock. Do you recall them sufficiently to describe them? Is that your piece? If not, whose? I'll be looking forward to speaking with you. Did you get the Mass note in the Sotheby sale?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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8/28/70

Dear Eric:

Sorry that we weren't able to spend any time together. I wanted to leave this set of proofs with you, but forgot. If there's anything that you'd like to see from the sale, just let me know, and they'll be sent for examination. If you decide that you'd like to see any, please ask for them at a time that you'll be able to examine them and get them returned quickly, as there seems to be a lot of interest in this material. These proofs are as yet uncorrected, so please, no wise cracks. I know that an Albany Church Penny came up at a Schulman sale, but, I cant seem to find it and have to omit the reference. I did the descriptions, and Stacks did the grading. Also enclosed ~~xxx~~ is a photo of some Mass silver. Breen wanted photos of these, and the coins are all still aside, for possible trade with you. a # d are the two new PTSs. g is the early state between 30 & 31, and b is the later state of the same. e is the 31.5 with the obverse die reworked. c is 13.9, and f is the late damaged die state of Noe 28. These are Breens notes, and I have never seen his ms, or checked them out, except for the actual varieties. The other photo is of my 1724 Rosa. Please return these photos after you've examined them, as they are the only ones that I have. Other items that I had along to go over with you were: 1801 $10. gold unpublished until Breen did it in his monograph in the Hewitt series, and it's his 1-A. The new variety of 1809 ½¢ (g.6), (obv. G. 3 and rev new). The success token B265A, with a break from 2nd G of GEORGE across head to the S of WASHINGTON; the Kentucky

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with the edge: Payable at I. Fieldings, Manchester. Half dollar die varieties of 1805 that were unpublished until Overton did his book, and these are the plate coins from the book: O.8, O. 11 and O. 12. Then there was the 4-C ~~Eugie~~, and the 6/22/75 20 Sh. N.Y. note. Also the Oak Shilling Noe 3 in superb condition. The envelope in which it came says: Called finest known by Wurtzbach, who offered UE for it". Any and all of this material I have aside for trade with you. If you have any interest in any of it please let me know, but, in any event, please don't forget to return the photos, when you've finished with them. In addition to the better colonial coins, I can use some of the better South Carolina notes, and any of the North Carolina 4/2/76 with the Haywood signature. I think I've listed everything. Now to the show. It was the best run show that I can ever recall attending. Business was good too. I only got to eat lunch twice. I never did get to see the exhibits, and missed the educational forum, and these are two things that I always manage to get to. But, I just couldn't get away from my table this time. Your party was lovely, and I thank you again for having us. I'm still working on the mail that I found awaiting me, and it'll probably be another week before I'm up to date. I'll be looking forward to hearing from you. NOVA

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Rich

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10/1/70

Dear Eric:

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Kindest regards, and Happy New Year,

Sincerely,

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10/17/70

Dear Eric:

Thought that I'd be hearing from you early in the week, as you said that you'd be going over my offerings, letters, your duplicates, etc., over last week end. Anyway, I'm still waiting. Just received the two lots you bought, and am enclosing them along with a rundown of how those lots sold (as given me by Aaron). I don't have a record of the raises that you gave to Aaron. ~~XXX~~ There were evidently some higher book bids that came in after I got these from them. Lot 1524 was originally sold to the book for $35. After the sale, George Wait went to them, and told them that he missed that lot, and wound up paying $50. for it. Aaron gave me the initials of some of the floor bidders, but he didn't know who they were. Meanwhile, if there's anything in the Stack sale that you think you'd like, give me a call, and I'll be happy to execute whatever bids you may see fit to place with me. On this Schulman sale, just please remit $24.86. TO ME Since Aaron did the bidding, he's entitled to the commission. Since this would amount to so little at 5%, I would suggest that you send him a little gift of some sort. I'm sure that he'll appreciate it a lot more than the cash. Did you receive the NN catalogue yet? Anything in that for you?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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10/22/70

Dear Eric:

Nice talking with you. I'll send you a run down on the items that you wanted, right after the sale, and then will have the prices realized for you as soon as they are available. Meanwhile, Ted and I spent an evening together earlier in the week, and came to some conclusions regarding the Virginia series. I'm enclosing a confusing piece, and would like to know how you attribute it. It is not for sale or trade. I'll appreciate your opinion as soon as you have the time to work on it. Needless to say, I'd like to see you ~~h~~ get some of the other work out of the way too.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard

11-D
is same as 2-D

2-D

Right hand A distant from watch arms
Distance like G+I small
Left leg of R sing is [illegible]

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DATE 10/22/70 № 7679

Eric P. Newman
Edison Bear Stars Inc
P O Box 14020
St Louis Mo 63178

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10/24/~~8~~ 70

Dear Eric:

Last evening, I mailed you a card with the auction results on the lots I bid for you. I'll have the lots early next week, and will then send them on. This AM, instead of going in to see the 1804 sell, I'm here working. I mailed the Virginia ~~2~~d to you earlier. Meanwhile, this AM I received a letter from someone telling me that Continental signer Mordecai Lewis was a prominent Jewish merchant in Philadelphia, and is listed in the Jewish Register. I don't know what 'Jewish Register'. I called the N.Y.P.L. Jewish Division, and they may have some info for me next week. The letter also mentioned that Thomas Morris was also Jewish, and that he was a first cousin of Louis sic (Lewis) Morris, the only Jewish signer of the Declaration. My notes show that Lewis was an Episcopalian. I'd appreciate whatever light you can throw on all this, and I'd appreciate it very much if you could give this project some priority. Frankly, I don't doubt that you've done all this in the past, and that it may just be a matter of checking your notes and writing a letter. I hope so. Just got a phone call, the 1804 dollar opened for $75,000. on a firm telephone bid. It was topped on the floor at $77,500. and was sold for that to the floor bidder (I didn't get (WHO HE WAS) that info, but it'll probably be in the papers).

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard

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10/26/70

Dear Eric:

Sorry, this was the only one you got. Now that it's over, you can concentrate on other things, and I DON'T MEAN SHOES!

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Rich

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

October 30, 1970

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 123
Albertson, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

Thank you, very much, for taking care of the Schulman auction, for which check is enclosed.

I was interested in the fact that a piece of early Swedish money had a book bid of $775. The valuation of the item in a Swedish catalogue was 750/1,000, but the value was in Swedish krona, not in dollars. Somebody should be more careful.

Your inquiry concerning Mordecai Lewis and various members of the Morris family does not find any substantiation in my records. I checked with Lee Friedman's book and another book by Jacob Marcus and neither of themmention these names in their index.

Since I am going to Philadelphia November 12 and 13, I could check on the matter if there was any substantiation to the information you have received.

You will receive the money for the item in the Stacks sale, very shortly, because a friend of mine wants a Pine Tree shilling and I may trade him one of my duplicates for the one acquired at the sale. That will give him the privilege of paying you.

I will be at the ANS on November 7 and, no doubt, you will attend the New Netherlands sale the night before. I can't see you on that trip due to excessive party commitments, which I love like the plague. You wish I would get back to numismatics, and so do I.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

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11/3/70

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter, and check. Enclosed is a receipted bill. Glad that I was able to be of some help. That's funny about the Swedish listing. They'll probably have to make a big adjustment with the buyer. The info or querry on Lewis and Morris, etc. came from a customer who was told that they were Jewish by a dealer in his town, and told him that he found the names listed in the Jewish Register. But, he didn't say what register. I checked with the NYPL Jewish Division, and they didn't find any of them Listed. The used a book called something like ' a register of prominent Jews of the Colonial period' I made a note of the exact title and author, but it's mislaid. I did find that Lewis Morris is buried in an episcopalian cemetery, so I guess that lets him out. If you get this in time, I'd appreciate it very much if you would follow thru, and look them up. Also, I'd appreciate it if you could check on Jacob Abrams who signed that ~~xx~~ NY note that you once pointed out to me. You said that you thought he was Jewish, but weren't certain. Yes, I'll be at the NN sale on the 6th, and probably be in the city all that day, checking some of the material in the sale, and then looking in on the Grand Central convention, and then I'll probably be back there again on the 7th. I hope to be able to get to ANS on the 14th for the meeting. I guess I'll see you there. Any time then? How about trying for me for a fellow again?

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P.O. Box 14020
St Louis Mo 63178

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| Paid for your acct at Schulman Sale 10/8/70 | | | |
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PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATISTS GUILD - INC

DATE 11/5/70 № 4309

SOLD TO Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros Stores, Inc
P.O Box 14070
St Louis MO 63178

| ITEM | INVENTORY NUMBER | PRICE |
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| Paid for your acct at Stack Sale 10/23/70 | | |
| Lot 35 | | 195 |
| Commission @ 5% | | 9 75 |
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| Paid | | |
| Thanks Eric | | |

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12/8/70

Dear Eric:

Thai arrived this AM from Ed Schuman. He didn't have your address, and asked me to forard it to you. I corrected him in that I've only been at this elusive group for about 10 years or so. Nothing much else new. As yet, I haven't received anything from you regarding the donation. I'm sure that you must be aware of a change in the donation laws or regulations, which require the payment of a capital gains tax. I'm not sure just what the change is, but I do know that there is a change. As a matter of fact, if you know exactly, I would appreciate it very much if you would fill me in. Also, I'd appreciate a copy of whatever info you dig up for Ed. Did you ever confirm Jacob Abrams of N.Y. If so, any story or background on him? Do you know of any other actual Jewish signers ofcolonial or continental paper money?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

1790 census
New Rochelle, Westchester County

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12/11/70

Dear Eric:

I knew that I had an extra copy, and just found it. Just had another letter from Ed Schuman. His meeting, with the Levy and Jacobs slides is on Jan 5th. Whatever info you can supply on these two gentlemen, he'd greatly appreciate having in time for that meeting. At the same time, I'd appreciate a copy of whatever you're able to send him. Have you been able to dig up anything on Jacob Abrams of N.Y.? When are you going to get to that Va, and to seeing what you have to trade to me for the material I'm holding for you?

DOWN WITH SHOES!!!!

ONWARD NUMISMATICS!!!!!

Last June, Dr. Freeman sent me copies of correspondence with you from 1964-5 regarding edge lettering on Continental dollars and ~~xx~~ silver Novas, in response to my request about them, which you prompted. It makes very interesting reading, and I'm wondering whether or not you've pursued it further. It would make an interesting article, or could be incorporated in a revision of the Fugio-Continental dollar monograph.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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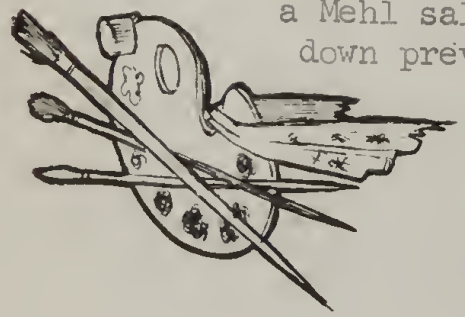
P.S. In your letter, you mention that Franklin printed 5d notes for Morgan, and that he was paid in 5d notes. Was he paid in Morgan notes? if so, he must also have printed 5d notes. There were no other 5d notes of Pa. or Delaware, unless the Del 1723 issues had them.

RP

P.S. Just got Superior's catalogue (Los Angeles 3/30-4/3). When I was there, they showed me lot # 1021. I suggested that they either send you the coin or a photo of it for authentication. However, since it was from a Mehl sale, you were probably aware of it, and must have run it down previously. If so, is it authentic? If not, and if they haven't sent you the photo, how about writing for it and checking it out. That is, if you can't do it from their plate. I'd like to know just what it is.



*From the desk of*
**LEONARDO DA VINCI**

*Another Masterpiece*

December 21, 1970

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

Would you be nice enough to give me a valuation on the uncirculated 1776 Continental Dollar Variety 4-D,which was on exhibit in St. Louis, and which is on the front cover of Taxay's book on the United States Mint and which is very well known to you. This will be very much appreciated.

Whether there are two or three known is not clear to me and I wonder if you know anything more about the situation. Perhaps Seaby's piece is the piece which was referred to in the Waldo Newcomer inventory comment.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

December 21, 1970

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 123
Albertson, New York

Dear Dick:

As you probably know, Benjamin Franklin claimed that he printed the 1729 Pennsylvania issue but he turned out to be wrong as Anthony Bradford's bill was found for that printing.

The Delaware records are missing and I concluded from the counterfeit records and from the other material I had that Franklin did print that Delaware issue. I will put this on my list of items to check as it involves my going back to my notes and references. It is easy when there are specific receipts and payments shown on the records but when one has to compare type, vignettes, etc., then it becomes rough, particularly if no specimens are known.

Best wishes to you and yours for a very Happy Hanukkah.

Sincerely yours,

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1/5/71

Mailed 2/8/71

Dear Eric:

No questions this time. Am still awaiting a nice long letter from you. Meanwhile, we have another convention coming up in St. L. This time, I'll be looking forward to spending some time with you, and your numismatic material. The PNG has a one day show just before this, and I'll probably be having a table at it too, so I'll be tied up from the morning of the 13th thru the show. I'm setting up my reservations to arrive on the 12th, and will get as early a plane as possible, and hope that with all this notice, you'll be able to take time off that day (the 12th). If you don't think that you can manage this, I can come out on the 11th. At this point, there is an 8AM flight that I can get, that will get me into St. L at 9:42 AM. Of course, there will be schedule changes between now and May, but TWA advised me that they'd be about the same. Also, for the ANA, you were kind enough to see that I got a nice room. If you still have some influence there, how about doing it again? This time, I'll be alone, Anne will not make it. The rate is not important to me, but, I don;t like to just check off the highest rate, since I don't know the difference between the rooms at the various rates. So, I'd like to leave it to you. If you're too busy for this, just check off the middle rate, and drop it in the mail for me, and I'll trust to luck. If you do it, please ask them to mail me a confirmation.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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January 18, 1971

Mr. Richard Picker
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Albertson, L.I. New York 11507

Dear Dick:

Thanks to you I found a new Colonial paper money issue. I checked the account books of Benjamin Franklin and found he printed, in 1729, some 8d bills for a storekeeper named Evan Morgan. Morgan paid him in 5d bills for the printing. You deserve full credit. It is the earliest private paper money issue in America. Find a piece.

What I was checking was the Delaware printing matter. The account books only show printing not paid for when delivered. Thus we will never know on some items. The 1734 printing for Delaware is in the account books, so I think I will change the data so that 1729 is excluded as the county governments of Delaware probably didn't pay for anything in cash.

In Pennsylvania, the 1731 issue is charged in Franklin's ledger, as I already knew.

I'll get you a nice room for the C.N.A. convention.

Thanks for getting me investigating.

Sincerely yours,

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1/20/71

Dear Eric:

Nice talking with you. This is the reason that I called. Please let me have an answer on it as soon as possible. If you do not want it, I'd like to return it to the owner pronto. If you do, I'd like to square away with him.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Rich

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St. Louis Mo 63178

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

January 26, 1971

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

Thank you for forwarding the 1769 10s piece with the unbroken leaf print. In this condition it is just not worth the price asked, even though I do not have it. I am satisfied there are just as many of this variety as there are of the other variety of 10s notes.

If the owner wants to trade it for another one of the 1769 issue in much better condition, I will do that, but that does not do you any good.

I do appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely yours,

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1/29/71

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter and for the return of the note that you were unable to use. I've packed it, and it will be returned in tomorrows mail. In my letter, I asked him that if he'd be willing to trade for a much better one, to send it back to me. If he does, I'll send it on to you, but, I doubt if he'll be interested. Meanwhile, thanks also for your last letter, in which you give me all the credit for your new discovery. It's flattering, but, you did find it. I'm glad that I got you digging into the area. Now, I wish that you would get to that Virginia 1d. The coin is sold, but I can't make delivery while you have it, and I think that it's important enough for you to spend some time on, and help get that series straightened out. I appreciate your efforts in getting me a nice room for the May convention. Please don't forget about it, and ask them to send me a confirmation. However, I don't know yet what day I'll arrive. That depends upon you, and when you feel you can spend some time with me in your vault. I'll have to set up my table the AM of the 13th, for the PNG show the day before the regular show starts (if they have it as they usually do). Would you be able to set aside the 12th for me?? I want to get right home after the show, as I plan to go to Europe a day or two after I return. Please look into this and let me know.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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CERTIFIED MAIL

March 1, 1971

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 123
Albertson, L.I. New York 11507

Dear Dick:

I have examined the Virginia half pence at long last. If I were you and Ted I would throw my book away. How about making a new set of descriptions and a new set of plates, - you, Ted and I. I imagine Ted's collection is complete enough now and I might have a few pieces and some pictures to fill in if needed.

The descriptions would all be made much more scientific, particularly the reverses, because varying striking pressure, recutting, etc. makes the pieces seem different when they are not. Die breaks must must be described, etc.

The coin you sent is returned herewith. It is a 2-D according to the pictures. It is a 2-E according to the description. Variety 11-D might be the same as 2-D. I believe it is reverse D because the right base of A is distant from the arms (in E it is not), the distance between G I is small compared to variety E, and the serif on the left base of R has a diagonal top instead of a flat top. I admit the horses back legs are gone but I don't get a kick out of that. I see the 7 is higher than the 3.

Reverses D, E and F are so similar they need careful revision. At least some points of difference I originally used should be retained. The position of the lion should be abandoned. The period distance from some point should be given and the high, low stuff abandoned. Measurements should be changed to Millimeters. If recutting took place we should describe it with subvarieties.

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Mr. Richard Picker

March 1, 1971

What about it, gentlemen? I believe I can get it published in ANS Notes - unless you want it elsewhere.

Send me a list of what Ted has in his collection and let's see if we can do this project without complexity. My list is enclosed.

The Cohen hoard deserves Jewish support.

Your "faithful" correspondent,

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3/4/71

Dear Eric:

Well, you finally got to do some numismatic work. Thanks. And thanks for the return of the Va. I like your idea of re-doing the Vas, and I think that Ted will go along. He's away now, but is due back in a few days. I'll broach it to him, and give him the copy of your letter, which I guess is what you intended. There is only one problem in doing this revision, and that is the plates. Even though we get good negatives and good prints, the process of reproduction that the ANS uses does not permit examination with a glass, just too grainy. And with these pieces, where the differences between the dies are so minute, it makes identification very difficult. I would suggest that if we went ahead with this project, that the ANS publish it in the normal manner, but also make available to anyone who would want to purchase them, reprints of just that section along with actual photographic prints of the plates, which could either be bound in the reprint, or supplied separately in an envelope. As a matter of fact, that would be a good idea for them to do with any detailed article that they publish. I think that with your collection, Ted's, my stock, we should be able to assemble all of the varieties, and if not, I'm sure that we can borrow from Phil Keller. However, to my knowledge, nobody owns a true 'E'. I believe that you said that it came from Boyd. Could you get that again? Will you be able to spend some time with me in May? I must leave St. Louis on the 16th, but could manage to get there early.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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3/13/71

Dear Eric:

Just a quick note, and hoping for a quick reply. A friend was offered a nice 7/17/75 Virginia Ashby form 20 Sh. note, but signed by Norvell & Tazewell. You don't mention Norvell as being an authorized signer of this issue. How important is it? The Nicholas endorsement is normal.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Answered 3/19/71
Plenty of them

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3/24/71

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the Norvell info and for the Breen letter and answer. I don't know whose collection he's cataloguing, but, if it's for a sale, we'll hear about it sooner or later. Of course, if he tells you, I'd like to know, if it isn't confidential. Thought you'd like this clipping that was in our local paper, NEWSDAY, a week or so ago. Was you there? If you think that you'll be away during the Central States convention, how about talking about trading thru the mail. I still have that NY ~~xxxx~~ 6/22/75 aside for you, as well as the coins that I listed to you some time ago. They're in the vault, and I don't remember exactly what they are, but, you have a list, or, if you can't find it, I'll send you a new one. Meanwhile, it might be a good idea to send me a list of the better coins that you have in duplicate, or are willing to trade. Let's get this off the ground. Or, if you'd rather forget about it, please let me know, and I'll put that material back in stock. If you have a duplicate Baltimore note of $5. preferably, or as 2nd choice $2, or $4. in unc, or close to it, I'd like to purchase one. I have a party who'll trade me the $5. Levy note for either of the above. He knows what a Levy note is, but also knows that I collect them, but, since the signature doesn't mean anything to him, he'll let me have it just to improve his condition. So, please see what you can do.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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4/7/71

Dear Eric:

Please excuse the haste of this short note. We're off to Europe tomorrow. Will be back the 19th. If you still have an extra copy of your COUNTERFEIT CONTINENTAL CURRENCY GOES TO WAR pamphlet, please send it on. I promised to try to get one for a friend. Also, please answer questions in my last letter regarding your whereabouts at the Central States convention, and whether or not we'll be able to spend some time together, or if you want to try to work some trades thru the mail. I'll be anxiously looking for your reply when I pick up my mail on the 19th.

Kindest reagrds,

Sincerely,

Dick

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4/8/71

Dear Eric:

Quick note, we leave this PM. Do you have a nice Sword in Hand note that you can trade to me? Also, do you know where I can locate a Mass. 1690 note, genuine?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Ri

4/16/71

Richard Picker

Dear Dick:

Welcome home. Hope you had a great trip

Enclosed is CCC & W for your customer

Enclosed is an unc $5 Cont Cun 2/26/77 Baltimore #15464 to use as a trade for your Ben Levy acquisition. You must determine what I get in exchange as I won't sell as you know.

Other requests for Paul Revere and 1690 note are ignored! Get me some.

Have your ear ready for a phone call when you have read your mail.

Eric

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4/21/70

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter, clipping and the Balto note. We returned Sun PM on schedule, and had a wonderful time. We saw 6 excellent plays, went out to the races in Kempton Park on Easter Monday, when everything in town was shut down for that holiday, and got out to Brighton on Saturday, when you were probably at the ANS meeting. Unfortunately, the pickings were pretty meagre as far as numismatics was concerned. I kept meeting three U.S. dealers at all the shops I called on, and another one had been there the week before. Also, there are two that live and have offices there. So, unless you hit it real lucky, it's difficult to find anything there any more. I was not lucky. I was trying to locate a Goldsmith Receipt for one customer, but would you believe that most of the dealers, and that includes the better ones, never heard of it, and didn't know what it was. Naturally I was unsuccessful in that quest too. But, we did have an excellent vacation. Oh yes, thanks also for the monograph. It's already packed to go to my customer, and I'm sure that he'll be tickled pink with it. For the Balt note, what might I have that you can use, that would be of comparable value? I know that you don't sell, but, if you can't think of a fair trade, how about putting a price on it, and I'll make a donation in that amount to your educational foundation, or, perhaps to some charity in your name. Since receiving your letter, I've been anxiously awaiting your call, and am anticipating some 'hot' news.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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4/26/71

Dear Eric:

This was in the 'suburban section' of the Sunday times. It might be a lucrative source of un-tapped original material. I have no idea as to whether or not they will lend micro-films, etc., but, you know how to deal with these organizations. Or, if you'd like to spend a lot of time up here, that might be more fun. Where's that important phone call.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

FORM #105

April 28, 1971

# MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Richard Picker

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

If you want to do me a favor, please locate the owner of a 2s note #5751 of the Massachusetts issue of 1778. It should be in uncirculated condition and I will be glad to substitute an identical 2s note in uncirculated condition for it. You probably can find it. You have found needles in haystacks before, so I have great confidence in you.

EPN/atb

WESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

WHITMAN DIVISION

April 28, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

Thanks ever so much for sending your notes concerning the Colonial section of our Red Book.

Your many points are well taken and I will make these changes at the first opportunity. Unfortunately, our time was very short and I have been able to correct only the most serious errors in this edition.

I was able to make changes according to your notes on Nos. 7, 12, and 13. The others will have to wait until next year. If you can supply me with other suggestions, I will be happy to have them also, but please give me at least a month's leeway before I get into the final proof stage.

I had promised to send Dick Picker a set of proofs so that he could see them, but gave you the only extra set I had. If it would not inconvenience you too much, would you please send your set to Dick. He too has been a big help and would like to see them.

Thanks again for everything.

Sincerely,

WESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

Kenneth E. Bressett, Manager
Whitman Coin Supply Division

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May 5, 1971

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

Ken asked me to send these proofs to you. I also enclose a copy of my preliminary comments.

I will be interested in your suggestions to him.

Sincerely,

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5/25/71

Dear Eric:

Well, the conventions have come and gone, and you've gone and come. I hope that you had an excellent time, and perhaps returned with some new numismatic info or items. I'd appreciate it very much if you'd give me a call when you have the time. I'd like to discuss that tin piece that was sent to you some time ago that had two different Woods reverses. Also, a 1779 $1\frac{1}{2}$ shil. Mass note. Of course, we'll find other things as well. I received the R/B proofs, but, as yet haven't been able to go over them carefully. I found a few minor things, and when I spoke to Ken, it was too late to change anything, so I can take my time, and when I do go over it, I'll have your notes too. Happy Birthday!

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Rich

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6/23/71

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the copy of the letter to Herb. I don't know whether or not to show it to Mrs. Craige. It can't do any good, and may just make her feel sadder. I'll see what Anne thinks, and take her advice. Meanwhile, how about answering some of my mail. What do you think of the 1727 Rosa pattern, as listed in Taxay's new book as # 79? I was talking with Dr. Stefanelli Monday, and he's anxious to have some good exhibits. How about you showing a few nice things? How was your trip? Did you find anything numismatically, either in coins, paper, or research?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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6/24/11

Dear Eric:

Perhaps this time you'll help me out. After the Bowie sale, I had a letter from a customer who asked about the Mass. notes. I explained that they were purchased in a partnership, and that after we made our division, I'd offer him a set. I'd forgotten all about that commitment, and after having them all this time, only about a month or so ago, I finally sold my set, as well as two other individual pieces. Now, I ~~k~~ just received a letter from the 1st party asking me if I was ready to offer them. I'm thoroughly embarrassed. I just sent him the 5 that I had left: 4d, 2½sh, 45s. Would you consider selling me the rest to fill out a set, or, a complete set? If so, please ship, and please set a price. The check could be made to your foundation, or to anyone else you may designate. Or, we can work it out in trade. I still have a group aside to trade with you, ~~xxx~~ which includes that NY note and the coins that I listed some time ago. Also, please let me know ~~xhaxxxxxxxxx~~ how much of a donation I can give to the foundation for that Continental note that you sent me some time ago. That's the one that I'd like to use in trade for a Levy note. Yours is still here, as I don't want to do anything with it until I know that I own it. Please read my mail and send some answers.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Rich

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7/1/71

Dear Eric:

Regarding your note of 4/28/71, I've just finished going thru the haystack, and have come up with your needle. The note is here. Please send your trade, and I'll propose the trade to the owner. Meanwhile, what do you make of this? It appears to be genuine, but the ink marks appear to be old, and I would guess them to indicate counterfeit. Now, if you really want me to try my best to make the trade for you, it would pay you to go thru my correspondence for the past six months or so, and answer the questions I've asked. Since I don't make copies of my letters, and since I write to you when a question comes to mind, I don't remember what I've asked, but, when you write, you can tell me, or include photo-copies of my letters. By the time I hear from you, I should have been able to contact the owner of the Mass note, and see if he can tell me where he got it. That might be interesting info. In this same collection is an interesting receipt for 200 sheets of CC issued to the signers. I'll send you a p/c when I have it made.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard

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*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

July 9, 1971

Mr. Richard Picker
P. O. Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

If you think you are going to get a rise out of me because you found a needle in a haystack, you are RIGHT! If anybody could do it, I knew you were the one. I knew it should have been in a collection, but I picked a man with a magnetic personality to find it. Needles in haystacks come right through the straw to a magnet. Besides, your name is Picker. (I did not say "ragpicker" but maybe you have a cousin by that name). You have a nose that can find anything so add that to your last name and see where it gets you.

The Continental note signed by Levy was a gift you did not want to take. Why not take it, gracefully, and then you would let the owner trade me even for the 2s 1778 Massachusetts piece. If the owner wants booty, let me know if he is a collector or dealer. I am enclosing the identical denomination of the same issue in uncirculated condition, being No. 5752, which is, no doubt, exactly like No. 5751.

I am returning the 1778 Continental $60 note which you recently sent. I agree it is genuine. I agree that the ink diameters are old. I think the bill was used as a lottery number or for a game as No. 3 indicates a numbering for some purpose. It is not like the X marks used for counterfeits.

I have found Jacob Abramse (!) in the United States census for 1790 living in New Rochelle. There are so many Abrams listed in the census that I think the name is not Jewish even though Jacob did not seem to spell very well. Ask General Abrams, in Viet Nam, if he is a descendent and you will have your answer.

The Rosa Americana pattern, about which you write, is prior to the granting of the franchise. I think these are English patterns. If you could give me a clue as to why you asked about the Rosa I might give you a little more information but I have never studied the matter too carefully.

I, like you, found absolutely nothing of interest in Europe except a few coin scales. We will talk Europe the next time we get together.

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Mr. Richard Picker

July 9, 1971

Virginia Colony used tobacco for trade so why don't you.

Did Ted Craige collect Machins pieces? I believe he did and would naturally be interested in a list for study purposes. In due course, if his collection is sold, I will be interested in many more items. I realize, however, that all of this is premature but assume you will be assisting the family.

You asked for 1778 Massachusetts pieces for a customer to whom you promised notes and were only able to deliver 4 pence, 2½ shillings and 4 shillings. I have the foregoing, which will not be sold, but which can be exchanged.

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| 2d | Fine |
| 3d | About uncirculated |
| 6d | Uncirculated |
| 8d | Uncirculated |
| 9d | Fine to very fine |
| 12d | Uncirculated |
| 1s 6d | Very good |
| 3s | Uncirculated |
| 4s 6d | Uncirculated |

I also have a few in condition below these levels.

I will continue on answering all the open matters.

I hope you have a very hot summer. Please put bricks in your toilet tank to conserve water and to be a good ecologist let the worms eat all of your trees.

Cordially,

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7/12/71

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter. Glad that you appreciate my efforts, as well as results. The Mass note belongs to a collector, and I don't know whether he'll swap even, or will want some sort of edge. I've had his collection here, just for study while he's on vacation. He's due home in a few days, and I'll propose the trade, and see what he says. I wanted your note here so that I could show him what he'll be getting if he agrees to trade. That $60. with the peculiar diameters is from the same collection, as is this photo-copy of a receipt that he owns, and which I thought you'd like. I sent a copy to Phil Keller too. The note that you sent me was not a Levy note, but a nice one of the same denomination and issue as a Levy note that Keller has, and is willing to trade to me, if I can fill the hole that it will make. So, I'll take your advice, and gracefully and gratefully accept your note, and we can call it my commission for working out the Mass. trade, if it goes thru. Now that you've found Abramse in a NY directory, can't you try to find one in some Jewish directory too. That's the way the name is spelled on the note. Needles in haystacks may be one thing, but, going to Hades to ask a General about his ancestors is quite another. If it comes to that, I'll forget it. The Rose that I mentioned is listed in Taxay as # 79, and dated 1727, and is listed by him as being unique, in the Boyd collection. A similar piece, not in as good condition as the Taxay plate (Boyd coin) was offered to me recently for

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a very high price. I turned it down because in my own mind I could not tie this into the Rosa Americana series, as a pattern or in any other way. The fact that it has ROSA SINE SPINA doesn't mean anything to me, since that legend was used for what was presumable a jeton as far back as Elizabeth I. ( see Pond). So, for that reason I doubt the other R/S/S pieces too. The Rosa Americana pieces that we know never used that legend. I didn't like this piece particularly since the legend says George II, and ~~xxxxx~~ the bust is not reversed as is usual in English coinage when rulers change. Kaslove things that the bust seems to resemble G.I even though the legend is G.II. But nobody to whom I spoke, Kaslove, Grunthal, Taxay, Dr. Freeman, Stefanelli, etc. could find any evidence that they have anything to do with the Rosa Amer. series other than that's the way it's always been listed. You just mentioned that you think it's an English pattern. What makes you think that? The work doesn't appear to be that good, does it? The 1720 piece offered to me did weigh close to a Rosa Am, but, does that prove anything? If it was an English pattern, for what denomination would it be, and how did the only 2 (?) pieces go worn? What makes you think that this, as well as the other R/S/S pieces, and the one listed by Taxay as # 51-52 are anything more than jetons, and that they have any connection at all with Wood or his company? Please give this some deep thinking, consult your records, and let me know what you think about all of this. Ted did have an excellent collection of Machins. At this

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point, nothing is being done with his coins at all, as I am trying to get all of his bookkeeping and other records in some sort of order, and so far, I've collected all but one outstanding account, and that should already be in the mail. After ANA, we'll start to look at coins, and try to get them straightened out. A listing of them will be very impractical, since he had many variations of the same #. What we'll do is when you know that you're going to be in NY, you can let me know about a week in advance, and I'll see that they are out of the vault, and you can visit here with me and study them, and make whatever notes you want. By that time, I may even have a portable photo set up, and we may be able to shoot any important pieces. Regarding your duplicate Mass notes, I haven't as yet heard from the man to whom I sent the few that I had. What would you want in exchange, that I might have, if the man wants some of yours? In studying my Continental notes, Heller found this piece, and made this note. I don't know whether or not he wants it, and I wrote and asked him. If he does, of course, since he found it, he has first crack at it. Meanwhile, you can study it, and if he doesn't want it, of course, you have 2nd refusal. We tried putting bricks in our tanks, but you should have seen the mess it made of the rest of our plumbing when one flushed thru! No more of that nonsense. The worms do not eat our trees, and we stopped spraying. We go out in the night with flashlights, while they're sleeping, seek them out, and murder them physically. The snoring is a problem that I've attacked, but haven't quite conquered yet. But I will before it does me.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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6/20/71

Dear Eric:

Just got your message. The number that I have listed for Fred Weber in Emmaus is : 215-965-2942. I hope that you've alerted your friends to be on the look-out for any of my sort of material showing up. If there's the slightest suspicion, let them call me collect on either the above # or: [redacted]
I hope that you can find the time to go thru your coin duplicates.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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9/29/71

Dear Eric:

It's been a long time. I was hoping that I'd hear from you regarding some of your duplicates for trade. I hope that you can get to that soon. Meanwhile, here's a coin that was sent to me. I'm pretty much convinced that it's a cast, but, I hate to run down someone elses material without confirmation. Also, I've made mistakes before on this sort of stuff, once calling a Willow that was in a fire, a cast. So, I'd appreciate your opinion, and hope that you can return it pronto, as it isn't mine.

Kindest regards, and Happy New Year,

Sincerely,

Dick

P.S. As yet, not a clue on my missing material.

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9/23/71

Dear Eric:

Just received this note for you. The party was away for the summer, commuting from his summer place to his office, and when my returns arrived, he just put them into his vault. Upon his return he was very busy, and only just got around to opening the packages. Please let me know that this arrived safely. The invoice is for insurance purposes.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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September 23, 1971

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Dear Dick:

I am so sorry you have no clues on the theft. The situation is simply disgusting. I have never had a clue on mine, either, but some day the material is going to turn up.

I am returning herewith the Oak Tree shilling which you forwarded.

My measurements show that it weighs 68½ grains and has a specific gravity of 9.8. When one drops it on a hard surface it has the dullest of dull thuds. My opinion is that it is a cast made of silver, lead, and some other lighter materials. The port for the cast entered the edge between DOM and NEW, where the irregularity is most unnatural and on the opposite side between SETS and IN there is another unnatural lump. The edge is also defective at this point.

If one needs further convincing evidence, the heavy depression between 2 of the date and D of ENGLAND is obviously the result of shrinkage. There are long longitudinal cracks from the shrinkage. These could not occur in a struck coin.

I hope I have been helpful.

Sincerely yours,

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September 23, 1971

Dear Dick,

In view of your situation, I certainly want to try to help you with some duplicates.

You have never really set a price on the Albany Church penny or the Nova.

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Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter and note, and for the return of the DTS. I'm very much anxious to do some trading, and you do have some good duplicates. I haven't put prices on the items that I have aside for you because they are to be traded. All that I'm asking you to do is to pick out what you have in duplicates of good items, and we'll see if we can do some trading of coins. You don't price your coins and won't sell them, but, you know what they're worth to you either in dollars or other coins. Trading is trading and selling is selling. You won't sell, so we must trade. It can't be worked out in dollars because if we did, and my items came to a greater value in dollars than yours, you would merely give me a check for the difference, but, if yours came to more than mine, you wouldn't make a check for the difference. Anyway, the first step is to get out your duplicates. Once that is done, we can settle on the mechanics. I have my stuff aside and have had it aside for about 2 years now. So, get it out, and let's get to work.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Jim

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September 28, 1971

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Dear Dick:

Many, many thanks for sending the needle in the haystack. I will now endeavor to buckweld, with Elmer's glue, my 12 notes of that issue and, hopefully, that should come out to a sheet. I probably will take a picture of it and, if so, will gladly send you a copy.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Eric:

Glad that the note arrived safely. From the length of your letter, I can see that you're trying to save time to work on other things, but, instead of putting the time into pasting together a sheet, where we already know the structure, why don't you spend more (or at least some) time on your duplicates for trading?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Rich

P.S. Regarding the forthcoming French sale, 1[illegible]/22-2[illegible]/71, what can you tell me about lot [illegible]? Could they be reprints? Are there any known that are signed, and that circulated? About how many are known unissued like these? About what values would you place on each? I'll be bidding on one, and perhaps the other two as well, for a customer, and frankly I'm completely in the dark about them, not ever having seen any previously, and must come up with some intelligent info on them. Of course, if you need any of them, we can work together on this. Please let's have a pronto answer on this.

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October 6, 1971

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Dear Dick:

In the French sale, Lots 825, 826 and 827 are not reprints, in my opinion. I have sheets of each. They were once bound in large books for the Treasurer of Maryland and I believe those books still exist. There were some that were signed and those that were signed are excessively rare.

Please look at the book you helped write and you will see the unsigned group and also pictures of the same forms used in subsequent years and signed.

I will not be bidding on them.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

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October 7, 1971

Dear Dick,

Are you going to attend the Mana sale in Baltimore?

I was thinking about Lot 684, being the Middleton token in silver. Maybe you have one in stock. Let me know so I can decide what I might wish to pay for it as it seems highly overpriced for a token.

Sincerely,

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12/22/71

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter. It will be helpful, but, if it isn't too much trouble, I'd appreciate it very much if you'd return the list to me, marked off as described in the short instruction sheet. That is: circle the entire line of the items that you recall, initial that item, and sign the bottom of each page on which you mark off anything. This is for the purpose of uniformity. If you want to keep a copy of the list for your private purposes you may photo-copy it. If you'd rather not do this, I'll understand, but, let me know. If you decide not to do it, please let me have another letter correcting yours of the 15th, where you mention having seen: '1798 $.00 U.S. gold'. Someone's bound to question your eyesight. That should be silver. Also, you were going to look up the serial # of that 1734 N.H. note, lot #502 of the Budde sale. Please let me have that as soon as you can dig it out. Are you making any progress on digging out any duplicates? Happy New Year.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,